Docket No.: 65933-083 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Yoshihiro HORI, et al.

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Examiner:

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENCRYPTING DATA TO BE SECURED AND

INPUTTING/OUTPUTTING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: